

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 18-19, 21-24, and 26-28 remain in this application with claims 1, 7, 18, and 23 being independent claims. Claims 1, 7, 18 and 23 have been amended. Claims 3, 9, 14-17, 20, 25, and 29-31 have been canceled.

In the present official action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure for certain informalities. Applicant has amended the specification pursuant to the Examiner's suggestions. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

In the present official action, claim 3 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 1 to substantially include the limitations of claim 3, and therefore respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 2 and 4-6, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and therefore incorporates all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

In the official action, claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 7 to substantially include the limitations of claim 9, and therefore respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 8 and 10-13, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 7, and therefore incorporates all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 7, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

In the official action, claim 20 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 18 to substantially include the limitations of claim 20, and therefore respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 19, 21 and 22, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 18, and therefore incorporates all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 18, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

In the official action, claim 25 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has amended claim 23 to substantially include the limitations of claim 25, and therefore respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding claims 24 and 26-28, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 23, and therefore incorporates all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 23, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objections and rejections of the present official action. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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